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NOTICE OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Gas Safety (Gas Installation) (Flueless Space Heaters) Regulations 2002

In accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, notice is given that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Gas Safety (Gas Installation) (Flueless Space Heaters) Regulations 2002.

The proposed Regulations eliminate an anomaly by allowing the use of unflued gas heaters with either natural gas or LP gas on the same conditions. They would also address potential health risks by implementing a range of new restrictions that would apply to newly installed unflued heaters regardless of the type of gas supply to which they are connected. These restrictions include lower limits on emission levels, a requirement for fixed ventilators, a new lower maximum heating input limit, an absolute heater size limit and labelling and information requirements.

The Regulatory Impact Statement shows that there are significant benefits associated with the proposed Regulations both in preventing negative health impacts from new flueless heaters and allowing the choice of this form of heating.

The Regulatory Impact Statement also demonstrates a rationale for choosing the lower limits for emission levels and imposing other restrictions.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement and of the proposed Regulations can be obtained from the Office of Gas Safety, Level 1, Wool House, 369 Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria 3052 or by telephoning (03) 9341 3800.

Public comments and written submissions will be received up to 5.00 pm, Tuesday, 17 September 2002.

Submissions should be addressed to: Mr Colin Bickell, Manager, Customer Safety, Office of Gas Safety, Locked Bag 3210, GPO Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

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